

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing Of Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for providing a user interface for defining an electronic message handling rule, the method comprising:

receiving a request to create an electronic message handling rule;

in response to the request, identifying a context in which the request to create the electronic message handling rule was received, the context corresponding to a user selecting an electronic mail message; and

providing a user interface for defining the electronic message handling rule, wherein the contents of the user interface are customized based on the identified context.
2. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein the customized user interface for defining the electronic message handling rule comprises one or more user interface objects for defining one or more conditions for the rule and one or more user interface objects for defining one or more actions to be performed if the one or more conditions are satisfied.

3. (Original) The method of Claim 2, wherein the one or more user interface objects for defining one or more conditions for the rule are a subset of all of the possible conditions for the rule.

4. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 2, wherein the context comprises the context of reading ~~a received~~ the electronic mail message.

5. (Original) The method of Claim 4, wherein the one or more user interface objects for defining the one or more conditions for the rule comprise a user interface object for setting a condition for the rule based on the identity of a sender of the received electronic mail message.

6. (Original) The method of Claim 4, wherein the one or more user interface objects for defining the one or more conditions for the rule comprise a user interface object for setting a condition for the rule based on a subject of the received electronic mail message.

7. (Original) The method of Claim 4, wherein the one or more user interface objects for defining the one or more conditions for the rule comprise a user interface object for setting a condition for the rule based on the identity of one or more intended recipients of the electronic mail message.

8. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 2, wherein the context comprises the context of creating ~~an~~ the electronic mail message.

9. (Original) The method of Claim 8, wherein the one or more user interface objects for defining the one or more conditions for the rule comprise a user interface object for setting a condition for the rule based on the identity of the intended recipient of the created electronic mail message.

10. (Original) The method of Claim 8, wherein the one or more user interface objects for defining the one or more conditions for the rule comprise a user interface object for setting a condition for the rule based on a subject of the created electronic mail message.

11. (Original) The method of Claim 2, wherein the context comprises the context of creating an alert subscription.

12. (Original) The method of Claim 11, wherein the one or more conditions for the rule comprise receiving an alert electronic mail message generated as a result of the alert subscription.

13. (Original) The method of Claim 2, wherein the context comprises the context of selecting a name.

14. (Original) The method of Claim 13, wherein the one or more user interface objects for defining the one or more conditions for the rule comprise a user interface object for setting a condition for the rule based on the selected name.

15. (Original) The method of Claim 13, wherein the one or more user interface objects for defining the one or more conditions for the rule comprise a user interface object for setting a condition for the rule based on a subject of a received electronic mail message.

16. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable storage medium comprising computer-readable instructions which, when executed by a computer, cause the computer to perform the method of Claim 1.

17. (Original) A computer-controlled apparatus capable of performing the method of Claim 1.

18. (Currently Amended) A contextually sensitive user interface for defining a electronic message handling rule, the user interface comprising:

one or more user interface objects for specifying one or more conditions for the rule, the one or more user interface objects selected at least in part based upon a context in which a request to create the electronic message handling rule was received, the context corresponding to a user selecting an electronic mail message; and

one or more user interface objects for defining one or more actions to be performed if the one or more specified conditions are satisfied.

19. (Currently Amended) The contextually sensitive user interface of Claim 18, wherein the one or more user interface objects for defining the one or more conditions for the rule comprise a user interface object for setting a condition for the rule based on the identity of a sender of the ~~received~~ electronic mail message when the context comprises the context of reading the ~~a-received~~ electronic mail message.

20. (Currently Amended) The contextually sensitive user interface of Claim 18, wherein the one or more user interface objects for defining the one or more conditions for the rule comprise a user interface object for setting a condition for the rule based on a subject of the ~~received~~ electronic mail message when the context comprises the context of reading the ~~a-received~~ electronic mail message.

21. (Currently Amended) The contextually sensitive user interface of Claim 18, wherein the one or more user interface objects for defining the one or more conditions for the rule comprise a user interface object for setting a condition for the rule based on the identity of one or more intended recipients of the ~~received~~ electronic mail message when the context comprises the context of reading the ~~a-received~~ electronic mail message.

22. (Currently Amended) The contextually sensitive user interface of Claim 18, wherein the one or more user interface objects for defining the one or more conditions for the rule comprise a user interface object for setting a condition for the rule based on the identity of the intended recipient of the ~~created~~ electronic mail message when the context comprises the context of creating a the electronic mail message.

23. (Currently Amended) The contextually sensitive user interface of Claim 18, wherein the one or more user interface objects for defining the one or more conditions for the rule comprise a user interface object for setting a condition for the rule based on a subject of the ~~created~~ electronic mail message when the context comprises the context of creating ~~an~~ the electronic mail message.

24. (Original) The contextually sensitive user interface of Claim 18, wherein the one or more user interface objects for defining the one or more conditions for the rule comprise a user interface object for setting a condition for the rule based on the selected name when the context comprises the context of selecting a name.

25. (Original) The contextually sensitive user interface of Claim 18, wherein the one or more user interface objects for defining the one or more conditions for the rule comprise a user interface object for setting a condition for the rule based on a subject of a received electronic mail message when the context comprises the context of selecting a name.

26. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable storage medium comprising computer-readable instructions which, when executed by a computer, cause the computer to display the user interface of Claim 18.

27. (Canceled)

28. (New) The method of Claim 1, wherein identifying the context in which the request to create the electronic message handling rule was received comprises identifying the context in which the request to create the electronic message handling rule was received, the context corresponding to the user selecting the current message comprising a received message.

29. (New) The method of Claim 1, wherein identifying the context in which the request to create the electronic message handling rule was received comprises identifying the context in which the request to create the electronic message handling rule was received, the context corresponding to the user selecting the current message comprising a message ready to be sent.